



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 10618.0004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Alain Rambach *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1657  
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Application No.: 10/528,824 ) Examiner: Clark D. Petersen  
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Filed: March 23, 2005 )  
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For: Method of Detecting Methicillin- ) Confirmation No.: 6976  
Resistant Microorganisms (as )  
amended) )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.114**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2007, the period for response having been extended to January 11, 2008, by a concurrently filed petition for a three month extension of time and fee payment, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination with this Amendment.

Please amend this application as indicated below. Amendments to the specification are included in this response. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3. Applicants' remarks follow the amendments.

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